

application has an effective U.S. filing date of May 29, 1997. Applicants have filed herewith Declarations of Julio Estrada, Miguel Estrada, and Paul Haverstock, stating that Applicants collectively completed, conceived of, and reduced to practice the invention claimed in the above-mentioned patent application, prior to May 29, 1997. Therefore, Buzsaki may not be used to reject Applicant's claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

Rejection of Dependent Claims

Dependent claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-20, and 22-33 stand rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Leone in view of Buzsaki. These claims depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 and are also allowable for at least the foregoing reason. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn also.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with filing this Response. In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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